

**“The Gospel According to John” (John 21:25)**

**Verse to Remember:** “And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written” (John 21:25).

**How should we respond to the gospel according to John?****1. Know the gospel**

- We are sinners (cf. John 8:24).
- We deserve death (John 3:36).
- Jesus is God (John 1:1; 8:58).
- Jesus became man (John 1:14).
- Jesus lived a perfect life (John 5:19; 8:28).
- Jesus did not deserve to die, but died to pay for our sins (cf. John 1:29).
- Jesus rose again after 3 days, having made the payment and conquering death (John 20 cf. 16:33).
- Believing in Jesus is the way to eternal life (John 3:16; 14:6).

**2. Believe the gospel**

- We need to not just know the gospel with our intellect, but we need to choose to accept the payment Jesus made on our behalf and be born again (John 3:3). We need to not just know that the door is there, we need to enter through it (John 10:9-10).

**3. Live the gospel**

- Living the gospel means following the Good Shepherd (John 10:4). It means abiding in the Vine (John 15:5). It means following Jesus even when that leads to the cross. Following means being like him, but it also means running to him when we fail to be like him. It means running to him when we sin in order to be forgiven and restored. It means being cared for by the Good Shepherd. And it means having the Comforter, the Spirit of truth with us (John 14:16).

**4. Share the gospel**

- We need to go fishing. There are many ways to fish. One that is seen a couple of times in John is to share what Jesus has done in your life and then introduce others so that they can know him too (John 4:28, 42; 9:25-35).
- If someone came up to you and said, “How can I know God?” or “How can I get to heaven?” what would you say? We need to make sure we know the gospel (point 1).
- As you share the gospel with people, give them a reason to believe the gospel by sharing what Jesus has done in your life.
- If you want to not just wait for people to ask you about God, what can you say? “Do you have a faith?” “Do you know how to get to heaven?” “Do you go to church?” “Would you like to come to a church?”